

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming method used for a color printer in which gradation pattern images based on color input information are laid one over the other using at least two types of color ink selected from among a plurality of color inks so as ~~two gradation pattern images based on different two color input information are laid one over the other to record a color image, said at least two types of color ink corresponding to the color input information,~~ wherein two colors, namely a primary color for recording a first gradation pattern image and a secondary color for recording a second gradation pattern image to be recorded on a primary color recorded-image, are selected from among a plurality of color inks, a first screen angle to be used for primary color recording is first determined and the first gradation pattern image is recorded, and then a second screen angle to be used for recording secondary color recording is determined based on the first screen angle and the second gradation pattern image is recorded based on the second screen angle.

2. (Original) The image forming method used for a color printer according to Claim 1, wherein angular difference between the first screen angle and the second screen angle is adjusted in a range from 20 to 40 degrees.